

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | : | |
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| - v. - | : | <u>ORDER</u> |
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| MARIO DELGADO, | : | |
| | : | 19 Cr. 817 (LAK) |
| Defendant. | : | |
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Defendant Mario Delgado seeks to proceed with a change of plea proceeding via video or telephone conference instead of a personal appearance in court. In view of the ongoing pandemic, video and telephone conferencing have been employed by judges in the Southern District of New York on numerous occasions. This Court finds that any further delay in this proceeding would result in serious harm to the interests of justice. Proceeding by video or telephone conference with a change of plea advances Mr. Delgado's case and furthers justice without undue delay. See § 15002 (b) (2) of the Coronavirus Air, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act.

During the change of plea proceeding, the magistrate judge should allocute the defendant on his consent to proceed via video or telephone conference as previously stated by his counsel.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York
December 3, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lewis A. Kaplan", written over a horizontal line.

THE HONORABLE LEWIS A. KAPLAN
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York